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Mail Stop Patent Application

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Transmitted herewith for filing under 37 CFR 1.53(b) are the specification and claims of the nonprovisional patent application of: Hiroshi ISHIHARA Inventor(s) INFORMATION PROCESSING APPARATUS, IMAGE FORMATION APPARATUS, DRAWING PROCESSING METHOD, AND COMPUTER PRODUCT Title of Invention APPLICATION ELEMENTS ENCLOSED: 1. X Specification, total pages 68 including: 20 pages of claims (69 claims) __1_ page(s) Abstract b. 2. X 16 sheets of ___ informal X formal drawings (Figs. 1-24) 3.____ Oath or declaration of Applicant(s) (total pages) Newly executed (original) b. Unexecuted Copy from a prior application (37 CFR 1.63(d)) (for continuation/divisional with Item 14 completed) Deletion of Inventor(s) Signed statement attached deleting inventor(s) named in the prior application, see 37 CFR 1.63(d)(2) and 1.33(b) Incorporation By Reference The entire disclosure of the prior application, from which a copy of the oath or declaration is supplied in item 3b is considered as being part of the disclosure of the accompanying application and is hereby incorporated by reference therein. Microfiche Computer Program (Appendix) APPLICATION PARTS ENCLOSED: 7.___ An assignment (cover sheet & document(s)) 8.____ 37 CFR 3.73(b) Statement (when there is an assignee) Power of Attorney Newly executed (original)

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| 16. X Priority of application No. 2002-267967 filed in Japan on September 13, 2002. Applicant hereby |
| claims priority under 35 U.S.C. §119. |
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